

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A harness arrangement for a seat, comprising:

an occupant harness configured to be worn by an occupant of the seat;

a separate seat harness securable to the seat, the seat harness including two shoulder straps and two waist straps, each shoulder strap being adapted to pass from the seat over a respective shoulder of the occupant, and each waist strap being configured to pass from the seat partly around the waist of the occupant from respective sides of the occupant, and at least part of the seat harness being adapted to pass around to the front of the occupant, when the seat harness is connected to the occupant harness, the seat harness being configured to fit over at least part of the torso of the occupant when the seat harness is connected to the occupant harness, and each strap of the seat harness being configured for connection to the occupant harness at a point in front of the occupant when the occupant is wearing the occupant harness; and

means releasably to connect the seat harness to the occupant harness, ~~wherein at least part of the seat harness passes around to the front of the occupant.~~

Claims 2-5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6. (Previously presented) A harness arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the occupant harness is configured to fit around the abdominal area of an occupant.

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A harness arrangement according to Claim 1  
~~Claim 3~~, including means to pay out the seat harness from the seat to enable the occupant to move away from the seat.

Claim 9. (Previously presented) A harness arrangement according to Claim 8, wherein the means to pay out comprises at least one spring loaded pay out device.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A harness arrangement according to claim 9, wherein ~~the or each~~ said at least one spring loaded pay out device comprises an inertia reel.

Claim 11. (Previously presented) A harness arrangement according to Claim 8, wherein the means to pay out includes locking means to selectively lock the seat harness with respect to the seat.

Claims 12-21 (Cancelled)

Claim 22. (Currently amended) A harness arrangement according to Claim 8, wherein the means to pay out the seat harness from the seat comprises at least one spring

loaded pay out arrangement that controls the pay out of a tether line, the arrangement comprising a spring loaded pay out reel on which a tether line is wound; and

locking means configured to engage the tether line at a position spaced from the wound line of the reel to prevent pay out of the tether line from the reel independently of the spring loaded pay out ~~mechanism~~ arrangement.

Claims 23-25 (Cancelled)

Claim 26. (Currently amended) A harness arrangement according to Claim 22, wherein the locking means of the spring loaded pay out arrangement ~~locking means~~ is configured to engage the tether line at a predetermined point along the length of the tether line.

Claim 27. (Previously presented) A harness arrangement according to Claim 26, wherein the predetermined point along the length of the tether line is defined by a locking element fixed to the tether line.

Claim 28. (Currently amended) A harness arrangement according to Claim 27, wherein the locking means of the spring loaded pay out arrangement ~~locking means~~ comprises a locking member configured to engage the locking element to prevent movement of the locking element past the locking member in a pay out direction.

Claim 29. (Currently amended) A harness arrangement according to Claim 28, wherein the locking means of the spring loaded pay out arrangement ~~locking means~~ is arranged to allow substantially unrestricted movement of the locking element past the locking member in a direction opposite to the pay out direction.

Claim 30. (Previously presented) A harness arrangement according to Claim 28, wherein the spring loaded pay out arrangement locking member is mounted for pivotal movement.

Claim 31. (Previously presented) A harness arrangement according to Claim 28, wherein the spring loaded pay out arrangement locking member is biased towards the tether line.

Claim 32. (Previously presented) A harness arrangement according to Claim 22, wherein the spring loaded pay out arrangement tether line is selected as one of the group consisting of: a strap, a cord and webbing.

Claim 33. (Previously presented) A harness arrangement according to Claim 22, wherein the spring loaded pay out arrangement tether line is wound on the reel as a coil.

Claim 34. (Previously presented) A harness arrangement according to Claim 22, wherein the spring loaded pay out reel comprises an inertia reel.

Claim 35. (Previously presented) A harness arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the seat harness is configured to fit around at least part of the torso of the occupant when the seat harness is connected to the occupant harness.